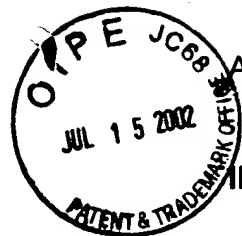


6/A
A. Williams
8/2/02



Atty. Docket No. 081862.P137

Patent

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
)
Hughes, David A., et al.)
)
Serial No. 09/250,968) Examiner: Logsdon, Joseph
)
Filed: 02/16/1999) Art Unit: 2662
)
For: METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING)
AUTOMATIC PROTECTION)
SWITCHING (APS) USING CELL)
REPLICATION)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 together with copies of the documents cited on that form. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered and that the enclosed copy of Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be initialed by the Examiner to indicate such consideration and a copy thereof returned to applicants.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D. C. 20231 on

7/13/02
JUANITA BRUCE (Date of Deposit)
(Typed or printed name of person mailing correspondence)
[Signature] 7/13/02
(Signature of person mailing correspondence)

07/18/2002 SMINASS1 00000006 09250968

04 FC:126

180.00 DP

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited in this statement is material to patentability.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under one of the following (as indicated by an "X" to the left of the appropriate paragraph):


- _____ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).
- X 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). If so, then enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement is one of the following:
- _____ A statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or
- X A check for \$180.00 for the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
- _____ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d). If so, then enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement are the following:
- (1) A statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e); and
 - (2) A check for \$180.00 for the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of the Information Disclosure Statement.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Dated: 7/3 , 2002


Daniel E. Ovanezian
Reg. No. 41,236

12400 Wilshire Blvd.
Seventh Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026
(408) 720-8300